

engineering officer in Chinese waters aboard the gunboat *Sacramento*, before being given a special assignment in 1941 to help begin a new branch of naval service—patrol torpedo boats.

Lieutenant John Bulkeley's performance as a PT boat squadron leader is legendary. He earned the nickname "Sea Wolf" for his daring raids on the Japanese Navy in the early days of the Pacific war. Most notable among his heroic deeds was Lieutenant Bulkeley's bold rescue of General Douglass MacArthur from the Philippines in 1942. General MacArthur had become surrounded by the Japanese while remaining on the island of Corregidor during the Japanese invasion of the Philippines. Lieutenant Bulkeley's PT squadron broke through a Japanese blockade and carried the general and his family to safety. "Johnny," said MacArthur, "you've taken me out of the jaws of death—and I won't forget it." General MacArthur did not forget, and for his efforts in the early part of the war, John Bulkeley received the highest award this Nation bestows for valor, the Medal of Honor.

The Sea Wolf's career did not end there. In 1942, he spent time stateside recruiting young officers for the PT program, among them a stalwart young man named John F. Kennedy.

Admiral Bulkeley then headed for Europe, where he commanded a group of PT boats that helped clear the way for the D-Day invasion at Utah beach in Normandy. He commanded the destroyer *Endicott* during the invasion of southern France, and sank two German warships—the only German warships sunk in surface-to-surface combat during the entire war in the Mediterranean.

At the end of WWII John Bulkeley was not yet 32 years old, but he had already received every medal for courage that our country awards. Following the war, Bulkeley graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College. He also taught electrical engineering at the Naval Academy and served on the staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

His service did not stop here, however. Admiral Bulkeley commanded a destroyer division in Korean waters during the Korean war; in 1961 he was appointed commander of the Guantanamo Naval base in Cuba, an assignment he received from his old friend President John F. Kennedy; and in 1964 he was assigned as president of the Navy Board of Inspection and Survey, a position which he held for nearly 23 years. Under his active leadership, the INSURV Board was directly responsible for the delivery of combat-ready ships, whether new or coming out of overhaul.

When his remarkable career came to an end, Vice Admiral Bulkeley was one of the most decorated sailors in American history. In addition to receiving the Medal of Honor, Admiral Bulkeley was also presented the Navy Cross, two awards of the Army Distinguished Service Cross, three Distinguished

Service Medals, two Silver Stars, two awards of the Legion of Merit, two Purple Hearts, and numerous other decorations and citations for outstanding performance and service to his country.

Vice Admiral Bulkeley was a true American patriot and a superb naval officer who, throughout his naval career, led with courage and integrity. His leadership and performance throughout an intense and demanding period in naval and military history were instrumental in the successful administration of the Navy and outstanding support for naval forces throughout the world. Thanks to his inspirational leadership and selfless dedication to duty, our Navy has remained second to none. He will be sorely missed.

RELATING TO CERTAIN REGULATIONS REGARDING THE OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

The text of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 51) to provide for the approval of final regulations that are applicable to employing offices that are not employing offices of the House of Representatives or the Senate, and to covered employees who are not employees of the House of Representatives or the Senate, and that were issued by the Office of Compliance on January 22, 1996, and for other purposes, as agreed to by the Senate on April 15, 1996, is as follows:

[The text of the concurrent resolution is located in today's RECORD on page S4519.]

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:56 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 1561) to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, and for other purposes, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, the said bill did not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

The message also announced that the Houses has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1527. An act to further clarify the authorities and duties of the Secretary of Agriculture in issuing ski area permits on National Forest System lands and to withdraw lands within ski area permit boundaries from the operation of the mining and minerals leasing laws.

H.R. 1823. An act to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District dated December 28, 1965, and November 26, 1985, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3008. An act to amend the Helium Act to authorize the Secretary to enter into agreements with private parties for the recovery and disposal of helium on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2024. An act to phase out the use of mercury in batteries and provide for the efficient and cost-effective collection and recycling or proper disposal of used nickel cadmium batteries, small sealed lead-acid batteries, and certain other batteries, and for other purposes.

At 4:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 53. Joint resolution making corrections to Public Law 104-134.

The enrolled bill and joint resolution were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1823. An act to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District dated December 28, 1965, and November 26, 1985, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3008. An act to amend the Helium Act to authorize the Secretary to enter into agreements with private parties for the recovery and disposal of helium on Federal lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1527. An act to further clarify the authorities and duties of the Secretary of Agriculture in issuing ski area permits on National Forest System lands and to withdraw lands within ski area permit boundaries from the operation of the mining and minerals leasing laws.